Officers of Indian Embassy in Pakistan

†145. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the alleged maltreatment meted out to the employees/officers of the Indian Embassy in Pakistan during the last three years till date;

(b) whether the Pakistani authorities have maltreated/exploited the employees/ officers of the Indian Embassy in Pakistan during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have raised this issue at International fora; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government is aware that the members of the High Commission of India, Islamabad are subjected to constant surveillance including tailing, at times aggressively, by the intelligence and security personnel of the Government of Pakistan. There has also been one case of illegal confinement of an Indian diplomat for about 5 hours.

(c) and (d) Government of India has taken up the issue with the Government of Pakistan at various levels on several occasions.

GoM to study 'PRASAR BHARTI'

146. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Group of Ministers has been appointed to study the future of Prasar Bharti;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of this Group of Minister; and

(c) by when the group is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

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